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## 'A diverse, tolerant community'

Get ready Louisvillians; this is our chance to test how far we have come, intellectually and ethically in the past 50 years.

I am responding to the recent Supreme Court ruling that struck down JCPS' race-based student assignment plan.

Though I never lived during the time of segregated schools, bathrooms and water fountains, I have read the history books and listened to the stories of my grandparents.

As a result of my youthful ignorance, I am certain that I take for granted the level of tolerance and diversity in our society today. Nonetheless, I can understand that at one time, forced integration was, sadly, necessary. Yet, the



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wonderful thing about democracy is that when a particular policy extends itself too far in any direction, the people pull back on the reins.

And that is exactly what has happened in this case. I applaud Crystal Meredith for pulling back on the reigns of a policy that had gone too far.

Now it is our turn as individuals, without being forced by the government, but instead motivated by our own sense of moral responsibility, to maintain a diverse and tolerant community.

However, if resegregation begins to occur, as many of the ruling's opponents believe it will, we can be certain that the people will, once again, pull back on the reins.